REMARKS

All claims 1-13, 22 and 23 previously present in the application are retained unchanged. New claims 24-30 have been added to give applicants the full scope of the patent protection to which they consider themselves entitled. Claims 24 and 25 are directed to articles of manufacture according to claim 22 in which the electro-optic medium is of the types specified in claims 12 and 13 respectively. Claim 26 is directed to an article of manufacture according to claim 22 in which the solid electro-optic medium has internal liquid- or gas-filled spaces. This claim is based upon Paragraph [0005] of the specification which states that the electro-optic "material may, and often does, have internal liquid- or gas-filled spaces". Claims 27-29 are parallel to claims 24-26 respectively but depend from claim 23 rather than claim 22, while claim 30 is parallel to claims 26 and 29 but depends from claim 1.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claims 1-13, 22 and 23 are present in this application. Claims 22 and 23 stand allowed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 10-13 stand rejected. Claims 2, 4 and 7-9 stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Duthaler et al., US Patent Publication 2003/0214697 A1. This rejection is traversed. More specifically, this rejection is traversed on the grounds that Duthaler does not describe an electro-optic display comprising a layer of a lamination adhesive having a higher electrical conductivity in a direction perpendicular to the layer of lamination adhesive than in the plane of the layer.

In Section 2 of the Office Action, it is stated that Duthaler discloses, in Figures 18A-18C, an electro-optic display comprising a layer of a solid electro-optic material (410), at least one electrode (430) disposed adjacent the layer of electro-optic material (410), and a layer of a lamination adhesive (450) interposed between the electro-

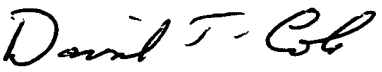
optic material (410) and the electrode (430). Thus far, the applicants agree that this is an accurate summary of the disclosure in Duthaler.

However, the applicants respectfully dispute the subsequent statement in Section 2 that "the lamination adhesive (450) [has] a higher electrical conductivity in a direction perpendicular to the layer of lamination adhesive (450) than in the plane of the layer (sections 0170 and 0171)". Paragraph [0161] of Duthaler states that integer 450 is an optical biasing element, and that such an optical biasing element may include an adhesive layer. Paragraphs [0170] and [0171] describe a different form of the Duthaler invention in which an optical biasing element is combined with an electrode, instead of with an adhesive layer as in Figures 18A-18C. In any event, neither the description of Figures 18A-18C nor Paragraphs [0170] and [0171] in any way suggest an adhesive layer having anisotropic conductivity, as required by the present claims. Accordingly, the present claims are not anticipated by Duthaler.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims now present in this application is respectfully requested.

This application now contains 22 claims, including 3 independent claims, whereas applicants have already paid fees for 23 claims, including 4 independent claims. Accordingly, no additional claim fees are required by this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted



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